



Los Alamos National Laboratory communicators capture numerous awards from Society for Technical Communication

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Recognizing outstanding technical communications products

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, April 15, 2010—Los Alamos National Laboratory employees received a number of awards in the 2009 Technical Publications and Online Communication competition sponsored by the East Tennessee chapter of the Society for Technical Communication (STC).

Laboratory entries competed at a regional, national and international level against organizations from Japan, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. Three

Los Alamos entries garnered Distinguished Technical Communication awards, the competition's highest award category.

The Society's awards, in descending order, are Award of Distinguished Technical Communication, Award of Excellence, and Award of Merit. Los Alamos winners of the Distinguished Technical Communication awards go on to the STC international competitions in May.

These Laboratory publications earned Distinguished Technical Communication awards:

- Actinide Research Quarterly: Suki Coonley, editor-writer, and Kelly Parker, graphic artist.
- LANSCE Activity Report: Clay Dillingham, editor-writer, Barbara Maes, desktop publisher, and Brenda DeVargas, graphic artist.
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- MPA Materials Matter newsletter: Karen Kippen, Robb Kramer, and Thomas King, contributors.
- An Award of Excellence went to Web page developer Tom King for a Currents magazine article: "Magnet-building Duo Share Multidisciplinary Zeal."

Awards of Merit were given for the following:

- TSC Directorate 2009 Science Highlights: Susanne King and Kathleen Pallis, editor-writers, and Sharon Mikkelson, graphic artist.
- MST e-News article "Ramiro Pereyra: Metallographic Science and Art Revealed," Caroline Spaeth, editor-writer.
- LUG 9: Ninth LANSCE User Group Meeting poster: Clay Dillingham and Barbara Maes.
- Experimental Physical Sciences Vistas: Karen Kippen, editor-writer, and Robb Kramer, designer-photographer.
- Experimental Physical Sciences Directorate Recruiting Display, Robb Kramer, designer-photographer.
- MST e-News article "Mr. [Jim] Smith: Paying it Forward," Karen Kippen, editor-writer.
- Science Center LANSCE Refurbishment poster: Clay Dillingham and Barbara Maes.
- MPA Materials Matter article "Dipen Sinha: Problem Solver," Karen Kippen, editor-writer.

"The awards received by our staff show that our processes and products compare very favorably with work that is done in the corporate world," said Chris Forbes of the Communication Arts and Services group in the Information Resource Management Division. "This is why we regularly submit entries to STC competitions."

"While it is gratifying to see our work receive such recognition from our peers, the awards also are a reflection of the wonderful support we receive from the Laboratory's scientific staff and management in collaborating with us to create such products," added Karen Kippen, communications project manager in the Experimental Physical Sciences Directorate.

With 14,000 members worldwide, the Society for Technical Communication is the largest professional organization of technical communicators, and is dedicated to

advancing the art and science of technical communication. An STC award is both peer recognition as well as acknowledgment of quality that stands out among significant corporate and industrial entries.

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